Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies

In order to provide students with the skills needed in a globalized world that increasingly pivots on Asia, Montana State University offers an interdisciplinary Asian studies major. Students choose a language to study, and have latitude to take content courses that focus on a given region within Asia, or to spread their coursework over the continent.

Core Asian Studies Requirements. Take three of the following (9-12 credits).

- ANTY 242D  Contemporary Japan
- CHIN 130D  Historical and Literary Journey into Modern China
- CHIN 211D  Chinese Culture & Civilization
- HSTR 135D  The Modern Middle East
- HSTR 140D  Modern Asia
- HSTR 145D  Reinventing Japan
- HSTR 146IH History and Culture of the Silk Road
- JPNS 150D  Japanese Culture & Civ
- PHL 270D  Philosophies of Asia
- RLST 203D  Buddhist Traditions

Asian Language Requirement (12 credits). Take any 101-202D sequence. All courses must be taken in the same language.

- CHIN 101  Elementary Chinese I
- CHIN 102D  Elementary Chinese II
- CHIN 201D  Intermediate Chinese I
- CHIN 202D  Intermediate Chinese II
- JPNS 101  Elementary Japanese I
- JPNS 102D  Elementary Japanese II
- JPNS 201D  Intermediate Japanese I
- JPNS 202D  Intermediate Japanese II

Upper-Division Electives. Take six of the following (18 credits).

- ANTY 337  Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Japan
- ANTY 343  Popular Culture - Japan
- ANTY 441  Social Movements & Community Activism
- ARTH 360  History of Asian Art and Architecture
- CHIN 320IH  History of Chinese Cinema
- AS 403D  Monsoon Asian Civilization
- CHIN 492  Independent Study
- HSTR 316  Ancient India: Text and Ritual
- HSTR 340  Age of the Shoguns
- HSTR 342  Japan’s Meiji Revolution
- HSTR 345  Modern China
- HSTR 346  Modern India
- HSTR 359  Russia to 1917
- HSTR 366  Middle East/20th Century
- HSTR 375  Eurasian Borderlands
- HSTR 407  Soviet Union: Rise & Fall
- HSTR 426  History of Yoga: East and West
- HSTR 443  Gender in Asia
- HSTR 445  Environ, Health & Sci in Japan
- HSTR 448  Tradition and Reform in China
- JPNS 305  Japanese Adv Conversations
- JPNS 320  Classical Japanese Literature
- JPNS 321  Modern Japanese Literature
- JPNS 325IH Outcast Literature
- JPNS 340  Japanese Adv Reading & Grammar
- JPNS 361IH Japanese Text and Cinema

Research Experience. Take one of the following (3 credits).
- ANTY 490R  Undergraduate Research and Instruction
- AS 490R  Undergraduate Research
- HSTR 490R  Undergraduate Research
- HSTR 499R  Senior Capstone: History Methodology
- JPNS 490R  Undergraduate Research
- other courses approved by a faculty advisor

University core and electives 72-75
Total credits 120

Course Substitutions: Other appropriate courses, including those taken abroad, may be substituted with the approval of an Asian Studies Advisor.

Study Abroad: Montana State maintains active exchange programs with overseas universities, including ones throughout Asia. Students may spend an entire academic year abroad while paying Montana State tuition. Contact the Office of International Programs for more information.

Graduation Requirements: A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation; 42 of these credits must be upper-division.